

Shine at Columba

Residential News

13 May 2021



Dear Parents/caregivers, students, staff and friends of Columba,

This fortnight many of our residential students will be involved in a whole host of activities and events including NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9), Common Internal Assessment exams (Senior students) rugby league, rugby union, netball, Year 8 camp and the Debutante Ball. The Debutante Ball is an event that many of the Senior students look forward to each year. I am sure the ladies will look elegant in their formal dresses and the boys most dapper in their suits, and that they will all have a great evening.

National Boarding Week commences this Sunday 16 May. The Residences will be engaged in a range of activities celebrating everything boarding-related. This weekend, students and staff will kick off the week with a combined boys' and girls' touch footy competition, followed up with a BBQ and the Boarding Week cake. Next Tuesday 18 May, the boarders will be dining in style at the National Boarding Week semi-formal dinner which will be hosted in the Mount Camel dining room. The students and staff will be dressed in their finest attire and will dine on food that is divine to the palate. There are a number of other activities celebrating this week which will be posted on the College's Facebook site.

In reference to leave (especially weekend leave), can I remind parents and caregivers that students are to be collected and dropped off at a reasonable time. A reasonable time for students to be dropped back to the residence is no later than 9.00pm. Any time later than this can significantly disrupt the normal Boarding House routine. It is wonderful that parents and caregivers drop in on occasion and surprise their children. However, if you intend on taking your child/ren out on leave, please give the College advance warning. This will enable the staff to make appropriate arrangements for their parents' impending arrival. On a final note, I am compelled to remind students, parents and caregivers that aerosols are a prohibited item at the College. This is largely due to workplace health and safety reasons. Any items identified in a student's possession will be confiscated and disposed of appropriately. There are ample roll-ons and pump sprays that students can access from local supermarkets.

Regards,



Dan Kyle
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL & RESIDENTIAL

MEET OUR RESIDENTIAL STAFF



Mr Willoughby
Boys' Boarding Houseparent

Residence:

I am currently working in the Comerford residence taking care of the year 7 and 8 boys.

Previous Workplace:

Before becoming a team member of Columba Catholic College, I used to work for Eagle Drilling as an offsider doing exploration drilling at Pajingo mine.

Favourite meal:

Crumbed steak and mashed potato.

Favourite movie: The Water Diviner.

The best piece of advice you have received: To always show honesty, respect and work hard to get what you want in life.

What is your favourite recreational activity? When I'm not at work, I can often be found fishing or taking my dog down to the river for a run.

What excites you about 2021? Going on a holiday to Cairns.